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1. EMBOFFS CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REF (A) TO MITI OFFICIALS ON MAY 5 AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ON MAY 6. JAPANESE SEEMED RECEPTIVE TO OUR PRESENTATION THAT PROMPT ACTION IN OECD IS NECESSARY AND THAT THEY SHOULD GIVE FULL SUPPORT, BUT THEY STILL WANT MINUTES TO INCLUDE "REACHING CONSENSUS". WE HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THEIR CHANGE IS NOT MINOR AND THAT IT HAS EFFECT OF ESTABLISHING A PRE-CONDITION WHICH MUST BE MET BEFORE FIRST MEETING OF SUB-GROUP. THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT THAT IS HOW THEY WANT IT.

2. OUR ASSERTIONS TO JAPANESE THAT EC HAD NO PROBLEM WITH U.S. DRAFT (REF D) AND THAT EC HAD AGREED TO FORMATION OF GROUP WITH TERMS OF REFERENCE TO BE WORKED OUT (REF C) HAVE MET WITH SOME SKEPTICISM. JAPANESE ARE TAKING THEIR OWN SOUNDINGS IN PARIS
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AND WILL BE STRONGLY SENSITIVE TO THEIR ASSESSMENT OF WHAT EC DELEGATIONS ARE DOING. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ADVISE THAT FUNDAMENTAL JAPANESE CONCERN IS THAT A STEEL SUB-GROUP WOULD BECOME A MECHANISM OR COVER FOR PROTECTIONIST ACTIONS. WE HAVE ASSERTED THAT THAT IS NOT THE CASE AND THAT PURPOSE OF SUB-GROUP IS TO DEFUSE PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES WHICH WILL WORSEN IF NOTHING IS DONE. JAPANESE SEEM TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THAT LINE THROUGH STILL

UNPERSUADED THAT PROTECTION IS NOT OUR HIDDEN OBJECTIVE.

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY OECD DIVISION CHIEF AKAO AND DEPUTY MINISTER YOSHINO ARE IN PARIS ON OECD BUSINESS. THEY ARE BOTH INVOLVED IN THIS QUESTION AND IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR U.S. MISSION OECD TO APPROACH THEM.

4. WE HAVE APPOINTMENTS WITH MITI AND FONMIN OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS STEEL LATER TODAY. APPRECIATE YOUR KEEPING US INFORMED ON STATE OF PLAY IN PARIS.
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